





AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend claims 5, 6, and 7 as follows (A marked up copy of the claims is shown on the enclosed Attachment):

The method of claim 2, wherein the anaerobic conditions comprise

- 5. The method of claim 2, wherein the anaerobic conditions comprise thermally processing the coated substrate in an anaerobic environment comprising no more than about 200 ppm oxygen.
- 6. The method of claim 4, wherein the anaerobic environment comprises no more than about 200 ppm oxygen.
- 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the dielectric precursor comprises an inorganic prepolymer component, and wherein at least a portion of said thermal curing and gas cooling occur under anaerobic conditions.

Please cancel claims 38-48

Restriction Requirement

Responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicant affirms the election to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-37. Withdrawn claims 38-48 have been canceled.

REMARKS

Claim Objections

Claims 5 and 6 stand objected to because of an informality. According to the Office Action "[t]he term 'claim' appears to be missing in the phrase 'The method of.'" The Office Action requests appropriate correction.

Applicants have amended claims 5 and 6 pursuant to the Office Action. Thus, Applicants kindly request the objection of claims 5 and 6 be withdrawn.